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Special Dispatch to The N. Y. Tribune.

WASHINGTON, Friday, Jan. 9, 1863.

SENATORIAL CAUCUS ON THE STATE OF THE COUNTRY.

NARROW ESCAPE OF THE ALABAMA.

The following is the paper drawn by Senator Collier and presented to the President on the 18th of December last, by the Committee of nine, of which he was Chairman. Whatever else was said at the White House on the occasion referred to or at the subsequent interview by members of the Committee, was upon their individual responsibility, and for the most part in response to inquiries from the President. It is proper to say that the injunction of secrecy has been removed.

A meeting of the Republican members of the Senate of the United States, at which they were all present but two, after full consultation came unanimously to the following conclusions—one present not voting:

First: The only course of sustaining this Government, and restoring and preserving the national existence, and perpetuating the national integrity, is by a vigorous and successful prosecution of the war—the same being a patriotic and just war on the part of this nation, produced by, and rendered necessary to suppress a baseless and atrocious rebellion.

Second: The theory of our Government, and the early and uniform practical construction thereof is, that the President should be aided by a Cabinet Council agreeing with him in political principles and general policy, and that all important public measures and appointments should be the result of their combined wisdom and deliberation. This most obviously necessary condition of things, without which no Administration can succeed, we and the public believe does not now exist, and, therefore, such elections and changes in its members should be made as will secure to the country unity of purpose and action in all material and essential respects, more especially in the present crisis of public affairs.

Third: The Cabinet should be exclusively composed of statesmen who are the cordial, resolute, unswerving supporters of the principles and purposes first above stated.

Fourth: It is unwise and unsafe to commit the direction, conduct, or execution of any important military operation, or separate general command or enterprise in this war to any one who is not a cordial believer and supporter of the same principles and purposes first above stated.

The Republican Senators of the United States, entertain the most unqualified confidence in the patriotism and integrity of the President, identified as they are with the success of his Administration, profoundly impressed with the critical condition of national affairs, and deeply convinced that the public confidence requires a practical regard to the above propositions and principles, feel it their duty, from the positions they occupy, respectively to present them for Executive consideration and action.

THE TAX ON BUTCHERS.

The Ways and Means Committee Room was filled to overflowing this morning with a delegation of butchers from Northern cities, urging diminution of the tax upon their business by one half. The principle which will guide the Committee in any alterations of the Tax bill which may propose to the House, will be simply the correction of clerical errors and mistakes in making up the bill, resulting from misformation or misapprehension of facts.

THE TARIFF.

There is no prospect of any disturbance of the Tariff, even to get rid of the duty on paper.

THE REPORT AGAINST ENLARGING CHANNELS OF COMMUNICATION.

The House Naval Committee's report against the enlargement of the channels of communication between the Mississippi and the Atlantic seaboard, is in direct conflict with the able, carefully considered and unanimous reports of the Committee on Military Affairs, as well as the reports of the Committees on Roads and Canals, and the Committee on Lake Defense.

Each of these Committees have concurred in regarding the proposed enlargements "as of the utmost importance, as a military, commercial, and national necessity."

VOLUNTEERS FOR FLORIDA.

The House Military Committee have reported in favor of authorizing the President to accept 20,000 volunteers to serve in Florida for nine months, to be mustered out of service in that State.

THE METROPOLITAN RAILROAD BILL.

The House Military Committee reported today the Metropolitan Railroad bill. It provides for four roads—one from Washington to Point of Rocks; one from Washington to Lewes, in Delaware, intended to be part of the air line to New York; one from Cumberland to Connellsville. The first is to be built by the Metropolitan Company, whose bonds, to be secured by first mortgages, are to be guaranteed by Government, as provided in the bill. The second is to be built by the Corporation of Washington, which is to guarantee the bonds of the road.

WEAVERSON ORDNANCE ARSENAL.

The Weaverson Ordnance and Arsenal bill was reported favorably to the House to-day by the Military Committee.

SUBDIVISION OF GEN. ROSECRANS'S ARMY.

Gen. Rosecrans's army, known as the Fourteenth Corps, has been subdivided into three corps—the Fourteenth, Twenty-first, and Twenty-second. This will increase the rank of all staff officers of Generals commanding the wings.

THE PROSECUTION OF THE WAR.

A number of prominent gentlemen from the different parts of the North and West, representing the intelligence as well as the wealth of the country, are here bent upon the common object of insuring a more vigorous prosecution of the war. They desire a change of men in high places to be the necessary of the hour.

THE DEATH OF ELISHA WHITELAY.

The Ohio delegation and citizens of Ohio in Washington, presided over by Senator Wade, passed reso-

tions of sorrow for the death of Elisha Whitelay, "Who, in a long and eventful life, has not left a blemish upon his character as patriot, citizen, statesman, husband, parent, Christian, and whose example from youth to extreme age was a model of virtue and excellence."

The clerk in the Controller's Bureau gathered before the funeral to take a last look at their chief in his coffin. His pall-bearers were First Auditor Smith, ex-Assistant-Secretary Washington, Mayor Seaton, ex-Assistant-Secretary Hedge, and Messrs. Campbell and Causton.

ARMY APPOINTMENTS.

In the 18th Army Corps the following appointments have been made: Col. Potter, North Carolina Volunteers, Brigadier-General and Chief of Staff; Col. Leslie, 3d New-York Artillery, Brigadier-General and Chief of Artillery; Col. Stevenson, 2d Massachusetts, Col. Hunt, and Col. Heckman, 9th New-Jersey Volunteers, Brigadiers.

RELIEFS AT GOLDSBORO AND KINSTON.

Dispatches from Newbern of Jan. 6 report 40,000 Rebels at Goldsboro and Kinston.

THE INDIANA SENATORSHIP.

Senator Wright of Indiana has been summoned home by War Democrat members of the Legislature of that State to become a candidate for reelection. His friends assure him that his late castration on the floor of the Senate of the Seymour faction has won him the support of the Republican minority of the Legislature, with which, if he will consent to be a candidate, enough loyal Democrats will get to handily elect him.

NARROW ESCAPE OF THE ALABAMA.

The Rebel steamer Alabama came within twelve hours of being captured last month. After taking the Ariel off Mysia Point, Cuba, she stood toward South America, and on December 11 reached the desert island Blonquilla, one of the Leeward Isles, where she coaled. On the 13th, at 7 p. m., she set sail from this island. On the 14th, at 7 p. m., the San Jacinto arrived.

EMANCIPATION IN MARYLAND.

We learn through a trustworthy channel that the New-York Proclamation of Freedom, so far from being obnoxious to the loyal people of Maryland, or even to those of Baltimore, is welcomed as an efficient means toward the suppression of the rebellion.

MOVEMENTS OF LOYAL WOMEN IN BALTIMORE.

The loyal women of Baltimore are holding Union assemblies to help the good cause.

LOYALTY OF BONAPARTES.

Mr. and Mrs. Bonaparte of Baltimore are said to have been unflinching in their loyalty from the first.

DEATHS OF SOLDIERS IN HOSPITAL.

The following soldiers have died in hospitals since our last report:

Thos. Powell, Jr., 13 N. J. Jas. Bullis, 84 Pa.

C. S. Ferguson, 113 Pa. Henry Hynes, 61 Conn.

Harvey Battison, D. 26 N. J. Jas. Judson, 14 N. J.

Asa L. Santos, 15 N. J. Jas. Moore, 44 Conn.

Seig. R. Moore, 44 Conn. Jas. M. Patterson, 126 Pa.

John Smith, 12 Conn. Jas. B. Shaler, 125 Pa.

T. P. Mulligan, 39 Mass. Jas. W. W. Wood, 145 Pa.

S. Fowler, 27 Conn. Jas. W. Wood, 145 Pa.

D. W. Moore, 12 Conn. Jas. F. Thompson, 135 Pa.

Asa Atwood, 141 U. S. Art. Jas. H. Hayes, 12 N. Y.

Patrick Connelly, 41 Pa. Jas. Maston, 1, 4 Pa.

E. E. Birney, 29 N. Y. Jas. H. Golding, 1, 69 N. Y.

Geo. Smith, 2, 11 Pa. Jas. H. Green, 1, 21 Ga.

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